



You Can Protect Our Waterways by Becoming a Dockwalker

Who are DOCKWALKERS?

Dockwalkers are volunteers who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. These volunteers distribute boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events.

How Do Dockwalkers Help?

The efforts of Dockwalkers increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality. There are over 600 Dockwalkers statewide who have distributed more than 90,000 boater kits since 2000.

How Do I Become a DOCKWALKER?

People interested in becoming Dockwalkers are required to attend a FREE 1.5 hour training class. The training provides an overview of environmentally-sound boating practices, information about how to conduct Dockwalking, educational materials that Dockwalkers will distribute including boater kits and a video about clean boating in California. Age range is 15 years and up. The program can document community service hours. Contact the California Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905 or visit www.dbw.ca.gov (click in Boating Clean and Green) to register for a class.

What Is a Boater Kit?

The boater kit is an organic tote bag filled with educational materials and promotional items for boaters. Items include: a pocketbook of tide tables, Department of Boating and Waterways pamphlets (*ABC's of the California Boating Law and Clean Boating Habits*), oil absorbent pillow with reusable zip tie and instructions, and more. Depending on your region, we may also provide the Delta Clean Boating map and/or the San Francisco Bay Area Clean Boating Map and the new edition of the Southern California Boater's Guide. Boaters can receive a boater kit after completing a brief boater questionnaire/pledge. This questionnaire will help to identify gaps in environmental services and better target future boater education efforts.



How Can I Order Boater Kits?

During the Dockwalker training class you can take some boater kits with you. If you are a very active Dockwalker and need more boater kits, please contact the California Coastal Commission and the California Department of Boating and Waterways' Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905 or vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov. Place your order and we will send you as many boater kits as you want.

What is a Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge?

All boaters who receive a boater kit must complete a brief and anonymous Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/statewide_boating_survey.pdf. The information is used to improve the Program, better understand boater behavior and identify gaps in terms of safe and clean boating education and services.

What is the West Marine Jacket Contest?

In recognition of the good work and dedication of our clean boating Dockwalkers, West Marine will be donating three gorgeous inflatable life jackets to the Dockwalker program for the top three Dockwalkers who return the most number of completed boaters questionnaire. Dockwalkers will be asked to collect their boater questionnaires and return them after finishing their dockwalking activities.

How Marina/Yacht Club Operators Benefit from Becoming Dockwalkers?

Marina/Yacht operators believe that education is critical to successfully operating a clean boating facility and minimizing water quality impacts. Becoming a Dockwalker or having a staff person or yacht club members trained as Dockwalkers will provide you with the educational materials and tools to work with your tenants and visitors as partners in the clean marina/yacht club, clean water effort.

For more information about the program and training schedule, please contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905, vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov or visit www.dbw.ca.gov (click in Boating Clean and Green).



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